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~~Application Title:~~ AN IMPROVED MEDICAL TIMING SYSTEM FOR USE BEFORE AND DURING CHILDBIRTH LABOR  
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## AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office action of 1/29/03, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please cancel the paragraph found on page 2 starting at line 2 and beginning with "Incorporation by reference..."

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-8 and add new claims 9-14 as follows:

9. (New) A labor contraction duration and interval timing method comprising the steps of:

providing, a hand held apparatus having a visible display, an audible device, a touch pad, a timing device, a calculating means, a mode selector and a memory device; wherein in practice mode:

storing in the memory device, a plurality of random contraction durations, random contraction intervals and contraction quantities, as at least one practice set;

indicating on at least one of the visible display and the audible device, an initiation time and a termination time for each of a plurality of practice labor contractions, at the onset and diminution thereof respectively;

displaying the practice durations and intervals in sequence on the visible display;

and, in labor timing mode:

selecting an initiation time and a termination time for each of a plurality of actual labor contractions, at the onset and diminution thereof respectively;